

## **Fife Council - Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places**

Correspondence sent to persons with particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for disabled people.

### **Consultation email sent to the following organisations:**

- Capability Scotland
- Fife Society for the Blind
- British Deaf Association
- Disability Equality Scotland
- Fife Forum

### **18 December 2024 - Sent on behalf of Ken Gourlay, Returning Officer**

Local Authorities are required to carry out regular reviews of their polling districts and polling places, in accordance with Section 18(c) of the Representation of the People Act 1983. The 2024 review of polling districts and polling places commenced on Monday 16 December 2024. It is our practice to continuously review our polling arrangements and where necessary make amendments to ensure that all electors, including those who are disabled, have access to such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable. Significant preparatory work has been undertaken in preparing the consultation proposals.

Consultation is an important part of the review process and in this respect, I have enclosed a copy of the consultation document which details the current polling arrangements, draft proposals and my comments as Returning Officer on these proposals.

The consultation document can also be found on the Fife Council website [Polling Places and Polling Districts | Fife Council](#) and hard copies have also been placed in Fife House, Glenrothes and the following public libraries for public inspection:

Cowdenbeath Library, 41 High Street, Cowdenbeath, KY4 9QA  
Dunfermline Carnegie Library & Galleries, 1-7 Abbot Street, Dunfermline, KY12 7NL  
Kirkcaldy Galleries, War Memorial Gardens, Kirkcaldy, KY1 1YG  
Cupar Library, 33 Crossgate, Cupar, KY14 5AS  
Rothes Hall Library, Rothes Square, Glenrothes, KY7 5NX

I would welcome your views on the draft proposals set out in the consultation document. For information there are no proposed changes to the polling arrangements in Wards 1, 5, 6, 11, 13, 17, 18, 19 and 20.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding the proposed arrangements, I would be grateful if you would submit them to me by **5pm on 14 February 2025**. Representations can be submitted in writing to The Returning Officer, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes, KY7 5LT, by email to [election.enquiries@fife.gov.uk](mailto:election.enquiries@fife.gov.uk) or by completing our online consultation platform which will be available shortly on our website [Polling Places and Polling Districts | Fife Council](#).

Comments regarding existing polling places should, wherever possible, be accompanied by suggestions for any alternative venues which may be suitable for use as a polling place. All representations submitted to me will be duly considered before final recommendations are submitted to the Council for approval on 20 March 2025. Please also note that all submissions received will be published on the Fife Council website.

Ken Gourlay  
Returning Officer